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*August 2019 Edition*

### **August Meeting Minutes**

Russ Ramirez, K0WFS, called the meeting to order at 1 PM. 14 were in attendance.

- Introductions were made around the table.
- The June 2019 Minutes were approved.
- Paul Bushouse, N0TYE, reports there is \$2442.70 in the checking account.

### **Old Business:**

Field Day reports were made by Bob, WB0POQ, Phil, K0CD & Russ, K0WFS.

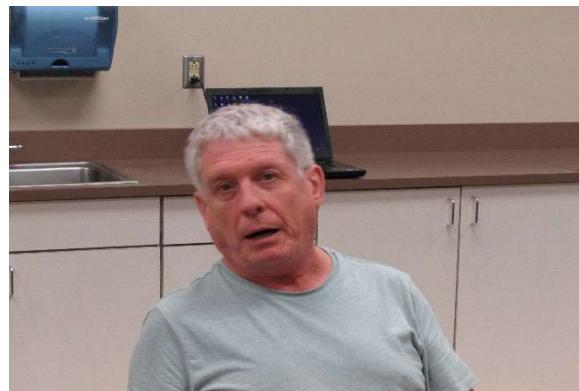
John, KJ0P, reminded the group that the Minnetonka club meets the second Monday of each month. All were welcome.

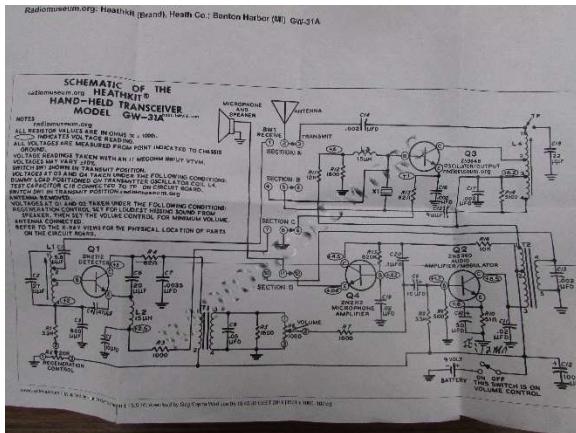
### **New Business:**

No new business.

### **Show and Tell:**

**Bob Liesenfeld**, WB0POQ, brought in a 6 meter Super Regenerative receiver. This works in the AM mode. He is working on a 6 meter AM transmitter and hopes to combine the two into a 6 meter walkie talkie. Bob also brought a schematic of an older Heathkit 6 meter AM transceiver that used a Super Regenerative receiver.

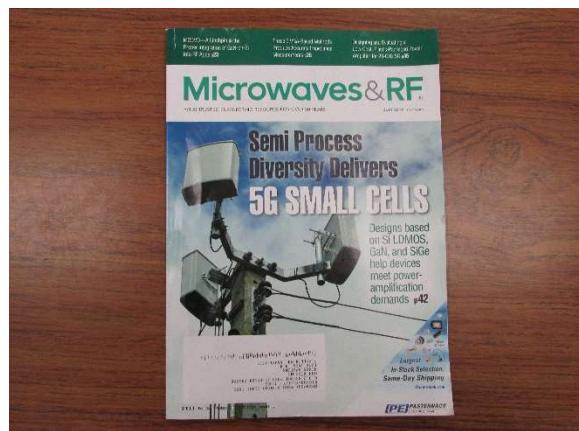
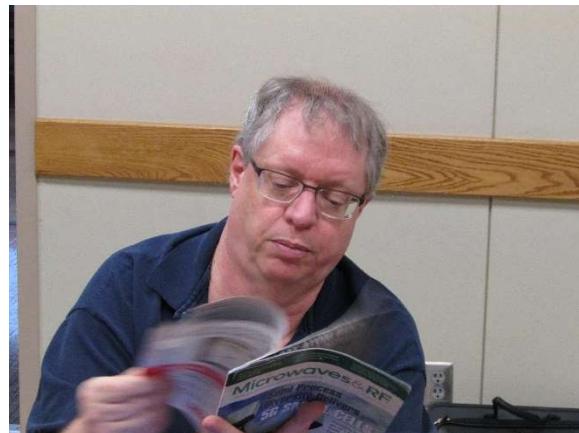




**Bede Willenbring, WA0QNV**, brought in some power MOSFETs for anyone in the group that might be able to use them.

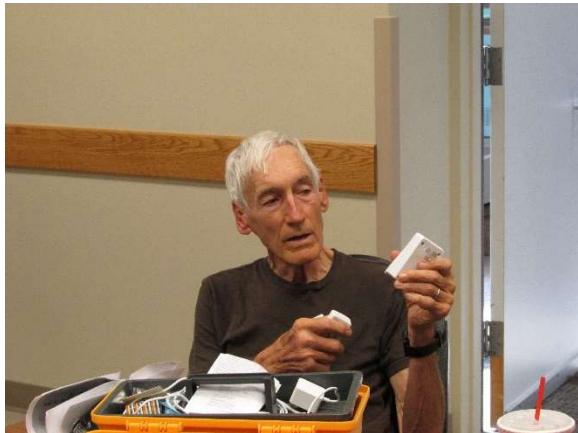


**Dan Blek, N0HAM**, brought in some fluorescent tape he has found useful. He also brought a copy of Microwaves and RF magazine.



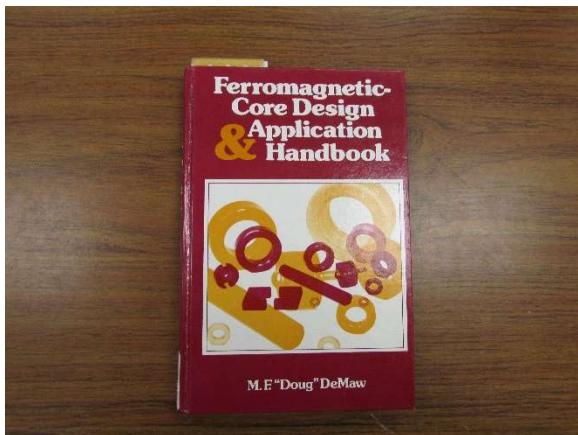
**John Krawczak, KJ0P** brought in a number of interesting items. Among them were an original PNP Germanium transistor, RF controlled remote power outlet operating on 316 MHz, an older grid dip meter, DVM and a Raspberry Pi 4. John went on to discuss some of the accessories needed with the Pi 4. He

also demonstrated a display he had obtained for it.



**Mike Burk, KD0JXE**, brought in a copy of Doug DeMaw's book: Ferromagnetic Core Design & Application. He has found it to be quite useful and well written. Mike also brought in a recently built jig that allows him to select varying amounts of inductance. He explained some of the challenges of building it. He found, for example, that the switches each added a bit of inductance to the total. Additionally, he brought in a RF power meter and demonstrated its use. He obtained this from:

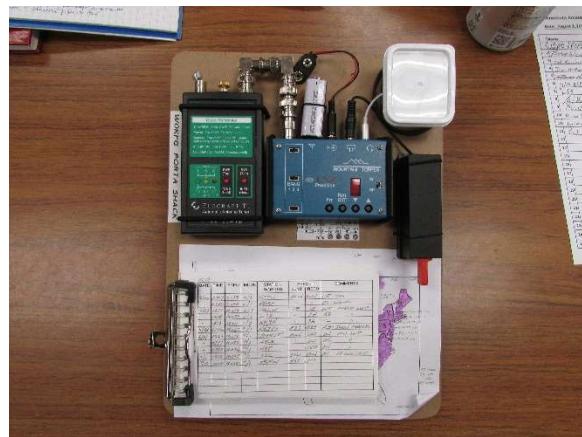
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**Phil Schweitzer, K0CD, showed us his CQ 2018 World Wide DX CW Contest award. Phil also brought in a YouKit antenna analyzer and demonstrated its operation.**

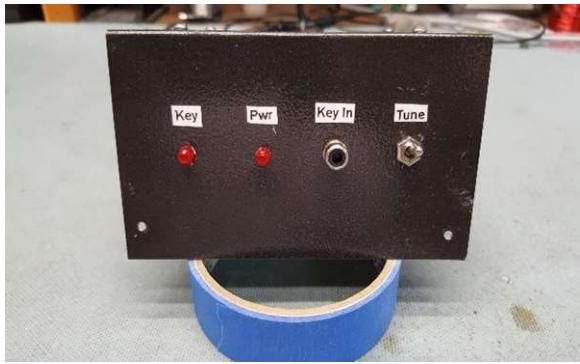


**Richard Hunt, W0KFG, showed us some of his portable operating gear. He fashioned a 3 band antenna using parts he found at the Dollar Store. He also showed us a vertical antenna he made from a Chinese fishing pole and 22 ga wire. It extends to 17 feet and is secured in the ground with a fishing pole holder from Fleet Farm. The portable station itself was nicely arranged on a clipboard and can operate 20/30/40 meters.**



**Steve Ulrich, NW0C, brought in an AC voltmeter he recently constructed. It has 4 ranges: 10 mv, 100 mv, 1 V & 10 V. Steve described some of the problems he had with the OP amps he was trying to use. He also brought in an antenna switch built from an article in a recent QST. He reports that it works well.**





## August Presentation

By: *Bob Liesenfeld/WB0POQ*

Bob spoke on the Super Regenerative Detector also known as the Rush Box.

First Bob explained the difference between a regenerative receiver and a super regenerative. He then went on to show how the super regenerative circuit works and why there is a characteristic hiss coming from the speakers when no signal is being received. Bob also gave a little history of the device which was invented by Armstrong. One of Bob's example circuits was an older Heathkit 10 meter walkie talkie.

This was a very informative presentation and tied in nicely with the 6 meter super regenerative receiver he brought in.

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### **Club Officers:**

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